[Mr. R. Krishna Pillai.]

the losses incurred by them on account of maintaining regular boat-service in the interests of the travelling public?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative.

Wharf Superintendents at Alleppey, Quilon, etc.

38. MR. S. ADAM SAIT (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Will the Government be pleased to state the need for, and the special benefit the travelling public derive by, the appointment of Wharf Superintendents at Alleppey, Quilon, etc.?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is necessary to have Wharf Superintendents at such important centres of canal traffic. The special benefit to the travelling public from the existence of these officers is that proper regulation of traffic will be attended to by them and the travelling public will find a responsible officer at the jetty to whom they can prefer their complaints. The control which the Wharf Superintendents exercise is expected to be in the interest of the safety and convenience of the travelling public.

Arrest of a Boat by the Parur Municipality.

39. MR. S. ADAM SAIT (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Are the Government aware that the Parur Municipal President, Mr. A. Govinda Menon, arrested illegally on the 27th Tulam, 1097, a motor boat of Mr. Abdul Satar Sait, worth Rs. 7,000, and began to notify its auction sale in the newspapers, alleging that license fee was due, when the boat was entering the town limits after paying toll?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The matter is now *sub judice*.

License Fees for Vehicles entering Town Limits.

40. MR. S. ADAM SAIT (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Is it necessary that license fees should be paid by the vehicles entering the town even after payment of toll which is heavier than such fees?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to Sections 61 (3), (4) and (5) of the Municipal Regulation, V of 1095.

License to Boats belonging to the Owners of the "Redeemer."

41. MR. S. ADAM SAIT (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Why were all the boats belonging to the owners of the "*Redeemer*" licensed at Vaikam only?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): All the boats belonging to the owner of the "*Redeemer*" were not

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licensed at Vaikam. Two boats were so licensed in 1099 because the owner lived within the jurisdiction of the Vaikam Canal Section.

Checking of Registers of the Canal Section Officer, Vaikam.

42. MR. S. ADAM SAIT (*Commerce and Industry, South*): (*a*) Has any superior officer of the Vaikam Canal Section checked minutely the registers and records kept by the Canal Section Officer, Vaikam, and, if so, who is that officer?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to order the inspection of the records, registers, etc., maintained by the Vaikam Canal Officer?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):
(*a*) Yes. The Sub-Division Officer, Alwaye.
(*b*) In the light of the answer to part (*a*), this does not arise.

Kottamukku-Quilon Boat Service.

43. MR. S. ADAM SAIT (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Is it not a fact that the fares of the boats plying from Kottamukku near Cranganore to Quilon are far lower than they were two years before?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Prohibition of Competition between Boat-Owners.

44. MR. S. ADAM SAIT (*Commerce and Industry, South*):
(*a*) Do the Government propose to prohibit competition between boats?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they intend granting a monopoly to any boat-owners to run their boats in the back-waters of Travancore?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*)
(*a*) No.
(*b*) No.

Accommodation in Motor Buses.

45. MR. S. ADAM SAIT (*Commerce and Industry, South*): How many square feet of accommodation are allowed to a third class passenger in the motor cars that ply in Travancore and in British India respectively?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): In Travancore, a third class passenger is generally allowed a space 15 inches long to sit, the width varying according to the width of the seat in the car. It is reported that there is no rule governing the matter in British India.

STATEMENTS LAID ON THE TABLE.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Under Rule 52 of the Legislative Council Rules, I beg to place on the table

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